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SENATOR RANDY RICHARDVILLE
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MINUTES

The Senate Government Operations Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in the Capitol Building, Rooms 402 and 403.

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, and Whitmer

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Richardville announced the order of business:

Adoption of February 21, 2012 committee minutes

HB 4116 Rep. Opsommer State; interstate compacts and agreements; review by attorney general; require.

SB 988 Sen. Bieda State; buildings; pedestrian walkway between the Michigan state capitol and the Michigan hall of justice; designate as the "Frank J. Kelley Promenade".

HB 5459 Rep. Opsommer Civil rights; open meetings; requirement for 18-hour notice for special meetings; clarify definition of accessible posting.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 21, 2012 committee meeting. Senator Hildenbrand moved to adopt the minutes.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, and Whitmer

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Hunter arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Senator Richardville then announced the committee would be discussing House Bills 5459 and 4116, sponsored by Representative Paul Opsommer. Representative Opsommer summarized the bills and answered questions from the committee members. Greg Ostrander, Representative Opsommer's legislative assistant, also answered questions from the committee members.

Former Senator Alan Cropsey, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette, testified in support of HB 4116 and answered questions from the committee members.

Mr. Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition of HB 5459 and answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Richardville requested Greg Ostrander, representing Representative Opsommer, to answer additional questions from the committee members regarding HB 5459.

Ms. Isabelle Terry, representing herself, from Rockford, Michigan, submitted a card, but did not wish to speak, stating her support for HBs 5459 and 4116.

With no further testimony for HBs 5459 and 4116, Senator Richardville requested a motion to report HB 5459 with recommendation that the bill pass.

Senator Meekhof moved to report HB 5459 with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to give HB 5459 immediate effect.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to give HB 5459 immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported HB 5459 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report HB 4116 with recommendation that the bill pass.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to report HB 4116 with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

Pass: None

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The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to give HB 4116 immediate effect.

Senator Meekhof moved to give HB 4116 immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported HB 4116 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Richardville announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 988, sponsored by Senator Steve Bieda. Senator Bieda gave a brief explanation of the bill and answered questions from the committee members.

Former Senator Alan Cropsey, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette, testified in support of SB 988 and answered questions from the committee members.

With no further testimony for SB 988, Senator Richardville moved forward with voting on the bill.

Senator Richardville announced there was a substitute to consider and requested a motion to adopt the substitute.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the substitute to SB 988.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SB 988 (S-1) with recommendation that the bill pass.

Senators Hildenbrand and Whitmer moved to report SB 988 (S-1) with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to give SB 988 (S-1) immediate effect.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to give SB 988 (S-1) immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

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The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SB 988 (S-1) with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Richardville adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:25 p.m.

12 June 2012

Date approved by Committee